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WITHOUT FITTING BASE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please substitute the following new paragraph for the first full paragraph on page 1:

Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/784,333 filed on February 16, 2001, *now U.S. Patent 6,344,611*, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/512,674 filed on March 8, 2000, now abandoned, the subject matter of each of which is herewith incorporated by reference.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the first paragraph on page 5, lines 1-13:

Raceway 10 is generally a plastic, elongated member that holds wiring to be delivered throughout a room, such as an office, protecting and hiding the unattractive wiring from view. Raceway 10 includes a raceway base 16 mounted to a surface by fasteners 17 (see

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FIG. 3) with a raceway cover 18 attached thereto, forming an enclosure for holding the wiring. Specifically, raceway base 16 includes a bottom wall 20 and opposing sidewalls 22 extending perpendicularly from bottom wall 20 with each sidewall 22 having an inward lip 24 for engaging raceway cover 18, as seen in FIGS. 1 and 2. First and second dividing walls 26 also extend from bottom wall 20 equal distant from each sidewall 22, respectively, forming three channels, two outer channels 30 and a middle channel 22, each having substantially the same dimensions. The multi-channels allow raceway 10 to carry any combination of wiring, such as voice, data or power wiring. Each outer channel 30 each includes a track 34 that both connects to base fitting 14 and provides a guide for extending fastener 17 through raceway 10 when mounting raceway 10.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the first full paragraph on page 6, lines

5-10:

Similarly, third and fourth curved walls 84 and 86 also extend along inner surface 62 between ends 57 and 58 and spaced from first and second walls 68 and 70, forming a first segment 88 of a second groove 90. Also a third guide rib 92 extends from second end 58 to joint 59 forming a second segment 94 of second groove. Likewise, a fourth guide rib 96 extends from first end 57 to joint 59 abutting third rib 92, forming a third segment 98 of second groove 90.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the last pending paragraph beginning on page 8, at lines 31-34, and ending on page 9, at lines 1-7:

Referring to FIGS. 9-11, an internal elbow or cover fitting 138, according to a second embodiment of the present invention, includes a top 140 (see FIG. 11) and first and second opposing sides 144 and 146 extending from opposing ends of cover fitting 138, similar to cover fitting 12. However, unlike top 50 of cover fitting 12, top 140 is formed of one section